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MEXICO MAY GET SMITH BROTHERS' LARGE HATCHERY

Smith Brothers Chicken Hatchery of Martinsburg, which is one of the largest in the state, will be moved to Mexico at an early date provided a suitable building can be secured and if the proprietors find the poultry business as good here as it is. This statement was made by one of the partners of the firm, both of whom were in Mexico Saturday for the purpose of making further investigation into the matter.

The hatchery now has a capacity of 25,000 eggs and should it be moved to this city it would be enlarged at once to a 50,000 capacity. The reason for moving from Martinsburg is the restricted railroad facilities, which would be eliminated should the location be made here. The very best of railroad connections are necessary in a business of this sort, Mr. Smith said, because baby chicks have to reach their destination within 72 hours after they are hatched out. During this length of time they are better without food than they are with it and can be "packed" into a well ventilated, specially made, heavy paste-board box and live as well and as comfortably, until the time their natural food supply gives out, as they could in primitive nests. The baby chick draws into its body before it is hatched the yolk of the egg and this is what it lives upon for the first seventy-two hours after its coming into the world.

The Smith Brothers' Hatchery has grown into the large business which it now is inside the last year. During the present season, which did not open up until about the first of March for them on account of delay in getting machinery, the firm has shipped out at least 75,000 baby chicks, and 22,000 will be taken off between now and July 1. The two members of the firm formerly were in the grocery business in Martinsburg and had six incubators of a capacity of 600 each. In the basement of their building. It was here they got their start and after finding the hatching business a paying one they went into it on a more extensive scale. They now have twelve incubators, the largest one having a capacity of 12,000. It is something of a "young house" within itself, but is not as large as "they make them," Mr. Smith says, nor as large as he will get if he locates in Mexico.

So far in their business the Smith Brothers have used only pure bred eggs, but contemplate hatching out some mixed breeds which they will sell for eating purposes. They get all their eggs from local poultrymen, hatching only the Wyandottes themselves. They always pay above the market price when the eggs are pure and on that condition can get their patrons to make their broods pure.

This newly developed business in our neighboring village has grown to such extent during the one year of its life that it has orders for chicks from all parts of the United States and shipments have been made in all directions as far as the 72-hour limit will permit. An order came from Canada not long ago, but it could not be filled because our parcels post can not go into a foreign country and the time required for express was more than the limit.

The coming to Mexico of Smith's hatchery would be a great thing for the city and the Ledger joins in hoping that they will find conditions here favorable enough to warrant the move.

Saw Big Band.

E. F. Kunkel writes from Kansas City:

"I see Mexico is thinking of organizing another band. Just heard the Ladies' Band of Herington, Kans., on way to Chicago to the Republican Convention then to Frisco to the Democratic Convention. They gave a concert at Union Station. One lady sings sacred songs. Big attraction. Would suggest this kind for Mexico."

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boyd, who for the past five months have been domiciled with Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Hickman, have moved to Auxvasse, to reside.

Macfarlane Here In The Interest Of New Constitution

Shaking off the weight of the intervening twenty-five years George Locke Macfarlane, of St. Louis, is hustling around the streets of Mexico today engaged as he was a quarter of a century ago, when he was the chief of the "news hounds" for the Ledger.

The visit to the old home town is made in Macfarlane's official capacity as Congressional District Manager of the New Constitutional Association of Missouri, Audrain County members of the advisory board of which are R. M. White, W. W. Fry, Jr., and Col. E. Y. Burton. Ed C. Offutt, County Superintendent of Schools, has been the active representative of the Association in the circulating of initiative petitions which will allow the voters of Missouri to declare themselves this fall on the matter of a special election in 1921 for the purpose of choosing bi-partisan delegates to the proposed Constitutional convention, and a large number of important matters will be taken up by Superintendent Offutt and Mr. Macfarlane.

The subject of a new constitution for the state is one that long has been under discussion. Every one who has made a study of the matter knows that our present constitution is not sufficiently elastic to meet present conditions, according to Mr. Macfarlane and other members of the New Constitution Association. The present constitution was adopted in 1875, and if the Government is a business, as most thinking persons declare it should be, it is pointed out that the government of the State of Missouri is handicapped today by functioning under hard and fast rules which applied to conditions as they were nearly half a century ago.

Mr. Macfarlane says, as the time for filing is nearly up. To get these signatures is his object in life just now and he is urging his friends to rally round with their fountain pens in hand.

Reed To Claim Seat As District Delegate From 5th

CHICAGO, June 11.—Joseph B. Shannon of Kansas City, leader of one faction of the Democratic party in Jackson County, gave an interview here in which he said Senator James A. Reed would go to San Francisco and assert his right to sit in the Democratic national convention as a delegate from the Fifth District, though the State convention rejected him as a delegate.

Shannon says Reed's contest will be based, in part, on the home rule principle for which the Democratic party is supposed to stand, and that the Senator expects to be seated.

Reed's election as a district delegate, it will be remembered, was repudiated by the State convention at Joplin in an all-night session, one of the most hard-fought and dramatic in the history of the party. Shannon led the fight of the Kansas City and St. Louis organizations delegates for Reed. After his repudiation the Fifth District elected to leave the seat vacant, refusing to carry out the State convention chairman's instructions to present a substitute selection.

WOMEN ELIGIBLE

The matter of organizing in Mexico a Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion is to be taken up by the James Pledsoe Post at an early date, provided the ones eligible in this community manifest interest in the movement. A letter from the state department has been received urging that an auxiliary be formed. There are now about twenty units in Missouri and the executive committee has decided to make a drive for more.

Mothers, daughters, wives and sisters of members of the American Legion are eligible to membership in this organization, and the purposes are much the same as those expressed in the constitution of the American Legion.

A Big Corn Crop

Audrain may not have as large a corn crop in as it might have had under more favorable weather conditions.

As it is a good sized crop has been planted and with anything like favorable weather even half a crop will bring larger returns than a full crop did in some years.

Audrain is fortunate. This is not a one crop locality. There is wheat and oats as well as corn. And there are other crops possible to though we have not swung to them as heavily as we might.

Audrain is a bully good county, it has the best people in the world in its borders and with half help from the weather we are going to have another prosperous year.

Keep smiling. It doesn't help any to worry.

L. Mitchell White

American Legion To Instruct City In Flag Etiquette

A continuous educational campaign along the lines of proper respect for the flag of the United States is to be carried out in Mexico by the James Pledsoe Post of the American Legion, according to plans made at the regular meeting held Thursday night. This decision was made when there had been reported many specific observations of different members of the Legion with regard to the lack of proper tribute paid the Red, White and Blue of our nation. The first definite steps were taken by the appointment of some three minute speakers who will make instructive talks in the various churches next Sunday. Rodes Jesse will talk in the Presbyterian Church; Wallace Fry in the Christian Church; Gale Johnston in the Baptist Church; Orlando Worrell in the Methodist Church; and Robert Dermody in the Catholic.

Three signatures to the petitions are needed and needed at once, Mr. Macfarlane says, as the time for filing is nearly up. To get these signatures is his object in life just now and he is urging his friends to rally round with their fountain pens in hand.

3 WILL VISIT IRELAND

The Rev. Father Timothy O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Mexico, will sail from New York June 28 for Ireland, his native land, where he will visit his father and sister who live in Tipperary. The Rev. Daniel Courtney, pastor of the Centralia and Sturgeon Churches, who has been living with the Rev. O'Sullivan in Mexico for the last six months, has secured passage on the same ship, the St. Paul, and will make the trip to the "old country" at the same time. The Rev. John Nugent, of St. Louis, who went to Ireland with Father O'Sullivan in 1912, will also be in the party.

Father O'Sullivan plans to be gone about three months and aside from visiting his relatives in Ireland he expects to make a trip across the Channel into France and Belgium. He has not been to Ireland since 1912. He came to the United States in 1904 and has been back to his home two times since then the first time in 1908. His father is John O'Sullivan and his sister is Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan, she having married a man with the same name as her father's.

Plans for opening the Catholic School in Mexico have been postponed for another year, and for that reason Father O'Sullivan is able to make the trip to Ireland at this time. He had not expected to go this year but a short time ago when he found that it would be impossible to open the school in September as it had been originally planned he decided upon the trip.

Duck Shooters Lose Again.

The migratory bird law, made famous in Missouri by Government cases against three Paris citizens, Frank W. McAllister, Clarence Evans and Dr. M. S. Bodine, was again upheld at Washington, Monday, when the supreme court refused to reconsider the decision rendered in favor of the law a month ago. Application for a reopening of the case had been made by Attorney General McAllister.

To Ration Sugar.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Rationing of sugar as in war time will go into effect in hotels and restaurants throughout the country June 21, Armin W. Riley, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer announced here.

WEDDINGS

Miss Mildred Cantwell, formerly of this city, who has been residing in Marion, Kas., was married June 5 to R. B. Lackey, of Lawrence, Kas., a prominent citizen of that city. Miss Cantwell will be remembered here by many friends who join the Ledger in extending best wishes. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ella Cantwell, of Wellsville, and a sister, of Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, of Mexico.

Three Mexico young people have been granted marriage licenses in St. Louis with in the last week. One permit to wed went to Gene Tomlinson and Miss Phoebe Hobbs, both of this city; and another was issued to William Harry Bentley, of Mexico, and Miss Arletta Grace Prather, of Columbia.

Joe Lee Bomar and Miss Anna May Vanvatter were married at 6 o'clock Sunday evening in the Hotel Hoxsey in this city. Judge E. A. Shannon performed the ceremony. Tom Dudley and Miss Florence Kirkpatrick, of Laddonia, were attendants to the bride and groom.

Mr. Bomar is a well-known farmer of Audrain County, who now makes his home near Laddonia. His bride is one of the county's efficient teachers. The Ledger extends best wishes to them.

Former Mexican Weds.

Clarence Gapeen, a former Mexico boy who was reared here, was married Wednesday of last week, according to word just received here, to Miss Lucy Thompson, of Florence, South Carolina. Mr. Gapeen makes his home in Greenville, in that state now. The Ledger joins his many friends here in extending best wishes to him.

The marriage of Ben Winn and Miss Miriam Johnson, two of Mexico's best known and most popular young people, took place Saturday night in the First Presbyterian church in this city. The wedding was attended by a large number of persons living in Mexico as well as many who came from out-of-town for the occasion.

Spring flowers and ferns formed the decorations for the church and the dresses worn by the young ladies in the wedding party were of harmonizing and delicate shades. The bride wore a gown of cream satin and lace with a court train falling from under the belt. A veil caught at the crown with orange blossoms fell to the bottom of her dress. She carried a shower bouquet of valley lilies, orchids and roses. Mrs. K. M. Roberts, of St. Louis, matron of honor, wore orchid organza embroidered in sunset shade and her hat was of sunset yellow. Her bouquet was of Ophelia roses. Miss Margaret Kirkland, of Hannibal, a bridesmaid, wore a dress and hat of green organza; and Miss Olive Mills of Shelbyville, the other bridesmaid, wore a yellow organza dress and hat. Both carried pink roses. The flower girls, little Misses Mary Willey Johnson, Jean Jackson and Mary Katherine Williams, and the ring-bearer, little Miss Myra Miller, were dressed in white.

Miss Mildred Wallace, who sang "I Love You, Dear," and "Because" just before the entrance of the wedding party, was dressed in cream net with lace trimmings and wore pink roses. Miss Josephine

Wallace, who played the wedding march wore a dress of cream taffeta trimmed in silver, and she also wore pink roses.

Bill Goolby, of Barthlesville, Okla., was best man, and the groomsmen were Ray Davis, of Kansas City and Gale Johnston, of Mexico. Curtis Cauthorn, of Kansas City, was to have been one of Mr. Winn's attendants but was called to Texas on account of illness and Mr. Johnston was asked to fill his place.

The wedding party entered the church from the rear and marched to the altar banked with daisies and ferns where the marriage ceremony was read by the Rev. A. A. Wallace.

Immediately after the wedding there was a reception held at the home of the bride's parents. Only relatives and close friends were invited. Mr. Winn and his bride left Saturday night for a short honeymoon trip, after which they will return to Audrain County to make their home on the farm west of Mexico which Mr. Winn bought recently from Mrs. E. C. S. Miller.

Mrs. Winn is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson of this city. She is a graduate of Hardin College and the Kirksville Teachers College, and has attended Art School in Chicago. She is a member of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority and also Tri Sigma. Mr. Winn is a member of the widely-known firm of Winn Brothers, who have gained a place among the foremost in the stock business in this state. The Ledger extends best wishes and congratulations to them.

Among the out of town people here for the wedding were: Mrs. Leah Woods of La Plata, Mrs. T. E. Malone of La Plata, and Mrs. J. D. Hunter, of Montgomery City; Mrs. K. M. Roberts of St. Louis, Miss Olive Mills, Shelbyville, Miss Margaret Kirkland, of Hannibal, Bill Goolby, of Barthlesville, Okla., and Ray Davis, of Kansas City.

James H. Scott, Jr., of Martinsburg, and Miss Mabel Molling, of Holbrook, Neb., were married in Mexico at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning in the office of Judge E. A. Shannon who read the ceremony. The young couple returned to their home, which is on a farm twelve miles east of Mexico, soon after the wedding.

Mr. Scott is the son of James H. Scott, Sr., who is a very prominent Audrain County farmer. The young man follows in the footsteps of his father in the matter of a profession and is now demonstrating his ability to farm on a place of his own. His bride is a very attractive young lady whom the Ledger joins in welcoming to this part of the country. Best wishes are extended them.

Dr. R. W. Van Wyngarden left here Wednesday noon to go to Kirksville where he will be married Thursday morning to Miss Velma Wells, of that city. The wedding will be a quiet one and will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wells. The young couple will take a short honeymoon journey and will arrive in Mexico Monday to make their home.

Mrs. Minnie Cragg, widow of Louis Cragg, was given \$250 from her husband's estate when a settlement of the case relatives to Mr. Cragg's estate was made out of court Tuesday noon. Mrs. Cragg had filed a demand with the Probate Court asking for \$2045 from the estate and the demand had been granted; but the case was then appealed to the Circuit Court. It was brought up for trial before a jury Tuesday morning and most of the testimony for the claimant had been heard when the settlement was made out of court.

The case of F. L. Crosby et al against G. W. Ramey which was put on trial before the Circuit Court early Monday morning, was settled in favor of the plaintiffs about 6 o'clock in the evening after the entire day had been devoted to hearing it. The jury returned a judgment for \$340 in favor of the plaintiffs who alleged that amount due them as the commission on the sale of a farm.

Two partition sales were held by Sheriff J. G. Ford Friday afternoon. In the case of Mary J. Anderson against B. F. Foreman et al, 81 acres were auctioned off to George Martens for \$8,600. In the case of John T. Watts et al against Mary Hudson et al, 210 acres were sold to George A. Watts for \$9,600.

STOCK NEWS

LOCAL MARKET
New Corn \$1.85, \$1.95
Oats \$1.04, \$1.06, \$1.08
Wheat \$2.80

Chicago July Sept.
Corn \$1.78 \$1.69
Oats \$1.03 85¢

St. Louis Cash:—
No. 2 White Corn \$2.05
No. 2 Mixed Corn \$1.88 to \$1.89
No. 2 White Oats \$1.18

St. Louis Stock Yards:—
Hogs 10,500 25¢ higher
Top \$15.65
Cattle 4500 Steady
Sheep 6,000.

Bill Mason has sheared 1,000 sheep. He contracted his clip early in the season to Mexico buyers at 60 cents a pound.

James G. Crawford, near Molino, reports his 40-acre crop of oats beginning to head out. They were sowed early. He has 120 acres of corn. Mr. Crawford put up 400 tons of silage last fall and has enough left to finish up the two cars of cattle he is feeding. He also has 60 acres of wheat.

J. C. Dowell or near Molino reports the wheat in his vicinity as looking fine, having come out wonderfully in the last two weeks. The early oats are doing well, too. He says Ross Ewing has joined the all night workers with his Fordson tractor. Ross is through planting 175 acres of corn.

St. Clair Emmons, out on Long Branch, has finished breaking and planting 200 acres of corn. He used a tractor, running it night and day part of the time. One night something he bumped into opened the valve and drained the radiator before he knew what was up. It forced him to carry water a quarter of a mile. He drove until 2:30 Saturday morning, then tumbled off for a little rest, going back on the job at 5. If you don't believe farming is a strenuous life ask Emmons.

Over Perry way they ring the bell almost every day in the raising of purebred swine. Last October C. S. McCoy of that neighborhood bought a Duroc-Jersey gilt bred to Mayor Sensation, the boar owned by Clyde Lorentz of Leonard, Mo. He paid \$800 for the gilt and all of his friends thought he was crazy. Saturday he sold her, with eight five-weeks-old pigs, back to Mr. Lorentz for \$4,000. Incidentally this is a record price for profit for one man with one sow.—Vandalia Leader.

In the recent heavy rains Charles Clark had thirteen sheep drowned. A fine horse belonging to Chas. Clark died this week from the effect of the heat.

J. W. Gallaher has had 12 sheep killed by dogs on his farm formerly the Layson place south of Mexico. T. J. Hoxsey lost a fine horse this week because of the excessive heat.

Missouri has practically no abandoned farms. The idle crop land of 550,000 acres is due to the high cost and scarcity of labor, and bad weather at planting time. Farmers expect to sow "catch" crops such as sorghums, cowpeas, soybeans, millet, etc., upon land too wet this year for corn and oats. Missouri farmers can not be accused of maliciously restricting production.

Ross Ewing, who has been using a Fordson tractor day and night, has his 200 acres of corn in.

W. F. LaFon, one of Audrain's progressive farmers, has completed the planting of 140 acres of corn with the aid of his Fordson tractor. He drove the machine at the rate of an acre an hour and figured it consumed 12 days of daylight work in all. He did a part of the plowing by moonlight which made up for time he lost during the day while busy with other things. He drove the machine himself and said without the tractor he couldn't possibly have plowed more than 80 acres in the same time.

Ellis Bros, Clyde and John, who farm north of this city, have been using a Waterloo Boy tractor and have put in 200 acres of corn. They have done their work during the day and are much pleased with the result of using a tractor.

Homer Shonaker, on the Robinson place north of this city, is putting in a large acreage of corn with teams.

R. B. Kerr sold twelve registered White-faced Hereford bulls to Carl Miller, of Bellevue, Kan., Monday.

42 ARE INITIATED

A class of forty-two were given the three council degrees in the Masonic Order Friday night, when the largest class ever initiated here assembled from this and surrounding towns. The work was put on by the Centralia Degree Team. A dinner was served to 136 Masons in the Christian church at 6 o'clock, and after this the men went to the Masonic Hall where the degrees were conferred. The class was organized by J. J. Wood and Robert Wright.

The twenty-two Mexico men who were in the class Friday night are: J. D. McKee, Tom Rely, E. Y. Burton, Dr. J. F. Flint, Clyde Blackman, F. P. McCord, George Pryor, Will Pryor, Ridgeway, Joe Davis, Roy Greasy, the Rev. George Wharton, W. G. Wilkins, A. C. Whitson, W. E. Cauthorn, Craig Mildred, B. Y. McIntosh, Dr. J. E. Miller, A. C. Kredell, F. D. Taylor, McGee and Brashears.

COURT HOUSE

The County Court met in adjourned session of the June term Monday for the purpose of making a settlement with the treasurer on the Hospital fund, maintenance fund and special road and bridge fund. The work was not completed at the time of going to press. The court continued to the July term the matter of deciding on the petition to change a road on the Monroe County line.

John W. Howell, R. C. Carter and Geo. Carter were appointed appraisers in the estate of Paul McCullough by the Probate Court Monday.

John Lyons appeared before the Circuit Court Wednesday morning and pleaded guilty to a violation of the local option law. He was fined \$300 and costs and was paroled on good behavior. Lyons was tried in this court on this charge, the first time, June 21, 1916, and was found guilty and sentenced to three months in jail. He appealed the case to the Supreme Court where it was reversed and remanded for a new trial.

The case of Onie Haney against William Haney, on a contract, which was to have been heard in the Circuit Court Wednesday morning, was continued to the September term of court. It was brought here from Boone County on a change of venue.

With the nomination of Warren G. Harding, U. S. Senator and editor of Marion, Ohio, for Republican presidential candidate and Calvin Coolidge, Governor of Massachusetts, for the vice-presidency, Saturday in Chicago, talk of a Third party on the part of the radical element among the Republicans is again revived.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 14.

—The State Board of Agriculture issued a warning to farmers recently that shipping facilities for getting their wheat to market are likely to be lacking to a considerable extent and that the supply of grain sacks is known to be insufficient. Farmers are advised to make early preparations for stacking and storing their wheat.

Chas. R. Arnold says he was down through the country near Montgomery City and that he thought about fifty per cent of the farmers had all their corn in, in that section. In many places he observed, as much as ninety per cent of the ground seeded.

Chas. P. Arnold, county collector as well as successful farmer, finished planting his 200 acres of corn Monday. He has the last of it in just about fifteen days later than he ordinarily gets through.

Ellis Bros., north of Mexico, sold their 5100 pounds of wool Saturday in Mexico to S. P. Emmons at 65 cents a pound. The market was about 35 cents. They contracted at this price several months ago and have undoubtedly topped the market in this section of Missouri. The shearing was from 600 head of sheep and many of the pure bred ewes made 15 pounds fleeces.

Mrs. Lella Sharp, of Youngstown, O., was in Mexico Tuesday on her way to Fulton to visit her aunt, Mrs. M. V. Taylor.

Mrs. John H. McIntyre has gone to Cleveland, Oklahoma, to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Kirby.